

Unity Day 2016

"United for Kindness, Acceptance and Inclusion"

September 21, 2016
8:00 am - 4:30pm



KCI Expo Center
11730 NW Ambassador Dr.
Kansas City, MO 64153



UNITY DAY

Together Against Bullying
United for Kindness, Acceptance and Inclusion

2016 Kansas City FEB Unity Day

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7:15 – 7:55 a.m.	Registration
8:00 – 8:15a.m.	Presentation of Colors U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard
	National Anthem Kelsee Pierce, US Courts
	Master of Ceremonies Johnathon Bish, US Courts
	Welcome John Underwood, FEB 1st Vice Chair
8:15 – 9:45 a.m.	Morning Featured Speaker Lee Mun Wah An Unfinished Conversation
9:30 – 9:45 a.m.	Break – Move to breakout rooms

Breakout Speakers:

**Café Conference
Room**

Salon A/B/C

Lobby Courtyard

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“The Silent Disability”
Carla Cona

***“Understanding Islam from the
Muslim Perspective ”***
Dr. Sofia Khan

Native American Struggle”
Jancita Warrington—Haskell Indian University

10:00 - 10:50 a.m.	First Breakout
10:50 –11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 – 11:50 p.m	Second Breakout (same as first)
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Luncheon Ceremony
	Invocation: Dr. Sofia Khan
	Lunch Served
	Entertainment provided by- Youth Mariachi Azteca of the Guadalupe Center Luis Portillo, Instrumental Music Teacher
1:00 -1:15 p.m.	Break
1:15 – 2:00 p.m.	Showcase Speaker Miles McMann Bullying in the Workplace: Challenges of a Diverse Workforce
2:00 – 2:45 p.m.	Showcase Speaker Mikah Thompson - Implicit Bias
2:45—3:00 p.m.	Break
3:00 – 4:15 p.m.	Afternoon Featured Speaker Kristin Beck The Lady Valor

**Please Pick Up Training Certificates at the
Conclusion of the Program.**



Speaker Bios

Featured Speakers

Lee Mun Wah



Lee Mun Wah is an internationally renowned Chinese American documentary filmmaker, author, poet, Asian folkteller, educator, community therapist and master diversity trainer. For more than 25 years he was a resource specialist and counselor in the San Francisco Unified School District. He later became a consultant to private schools, working with students that had severe learning and behavioral issues.

Lee Mun Wah is now the Executive Director of Stirfry Seminars & Consulting, a diversity training company that provides educational tools and workshops on issues pertaining to cross-cultural communication and awareness, mindful facilitation, and conflict mediation techniques. Thousands of people from government and social service agencies, corporations and educational institutions have taken Lee Mun Wah's workshops and partnered with him on their diversity initiatives.

His first film, *Stolen Ground*, about the experience of Asian Americans, won honorable mention at the San Francisco International Film Festival, and his most famous film about racism, *The Color of Fear*, won the Gold Medal for Best Social Studies Documentary. Part Two of this film, *Walking Each Other Home*, won the Cindy Competition Silver Medal for Social Science. In 1995, Oprah Winfrey did a one-hour special on Lee Mun Wah's life and work that was seen by over 15 million viewers internationally.

In 2005, Lee Mun Wah directed and produced the film, *Last Chance for Eden*, a three-part documentary on sexism and racism. His newest book, *Let's Get Real- What People of Color Can't Say & Whites Won't Ask About Racism*, was released in 2011, and in 2014 he released his latest film, *If These Halls Could Talk*, a documentary that focuses on college students and their dialogue about race and racism, as well as other diversity issues, in higher education.

It is Lee Mun Wah's belief that we cannot wait until tomorrow for some charismatic leader to appear who will bring us all together. We each must take a stand and personally participate in this important journey of confronting our fears and beginning a conversation not only with those we love but also with those we have been taught to fear. We cannot continue being separate and unequal without there being a cost to each and every generation. Our survival and the very future of our children depend on all of us embracing our differences as well as our mutuality. If we can accomplish this in our lifetime, we can then look back and know that we have found a way to live together authentically and harmoniously, using and honoring all of our gifts and special contributions. To Lee Mun Wah, that is the true meaning of multiculturalism.

Breakout Speakers

Speaker Bios

Carla Cona



Deaf since birth, overcoming challenges the workplace environment and being selected as the Diversity and Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Committee (DEEAOOC) Employee of the Year in 2013, The Internal Revenue Service then nominated in 2014 for the Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Award. Carla's goal is to educate others about diversity in the workplace. You never really know how you could be impacting someone else's life.

Dr. Sofia Khan



Dr. Sofia Khan is a local physician, mother of five. She moved to Kansas City from New York over 20 years ago. She is a community activist, involved in numerous charity projects, active in the interfaith community. She is the founder of Muslim Youth of North America KC Chapter and a refugee activist founder of KC for Refugees, a diverse interfaith community alliance helping refugee families in the Greater Kansas City area.

Dr. Khan also serves on the Board of Directors of the KC Care Free Clinic, Notre Dame de Sion Catholic School, Della Lamb and the Abraham House, which does an interfaith build for Habitat of Humanity. She is Medical Director of Peace Clinic a free clinic established to serve the refugee population in KC/MO. She is an ambassador of Islam, which she and her family have been involved in helping educate our community about the faith through talks and workshops.

Jancita Warrington



Jancita Warrington is the Director of the Haskell Cultural Center and Museum at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Global Indigenous Nations Studies from the University of Kansas and a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Indian Studies from Haskell Indian Nations University. In addition, she has an academic background in tribal law and policy.

Speaker Bios

Showcase Speakers

Miles McMann



Miles is the Director of Theatre of the Imagination, a local kid's drama group. He was written and performed his "Stop the Bully" program at over 250 business, schools and churches all over Kansas City over the past eight years.

"Stop the Bully" is a fun and educational workshop designed to identify bullying and give participants the tools to make it stop. Whether bullying happens in the workplace or the schoolyard, it is an epidemic that has only grown worse with the advent of new technologies. Miles is a professional actor and public speaker with a MFA from UMKC.

Mikah Thompson



Mikah Thompson is the Director of Affirmative Action and Title IX Coordinator at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She is also an Adjunct Professor at the UMKC School of Law where her course load includes seminars in Employment Law and Race & the Law. Mikah has been a practicing attorney for 15 years, and she is also a certified mediator in the states of Kansas and Missouri.

Mikah's legal scholarship focuses on critical race theory and the implicit bias doctrine. Her research offers insight into the ways in which our subconscious biases concerning race and gender affect our decision-making.

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Featured Speaker

Speaker Bios

Kristin Beck



Kristin Beck, born Christopher Beck is known to be the first female Navy SEAL. She was interviewed by Anderson Cooper in June of 2013 and quickly became known throughout the world. Soon after she became a civil rights activist giving speeches nation wide. Even invited to go before Congressmen and Senators with her personal story and dynamic personality making headway in the March to Equality for all humans.

She distinguished herself in 20 years of exceptionally meritorious service with Special Operations Forces in the SEAL teams. She conducted special operations with small UAVs, HUMINT, and Direct Action missions in her thirteen deployments. Final tours were with Naval Special Warfare Development Group (DEVGRU) to head the Special Reconnaissance units and various Task Forces as a HUMINT source handler and technical operations director.

In 2009, Kristin was requested by name to be the Advisor to SOCOM's Science Director Mr. William Shepherd (SEAL/Astronaut). She became an integral part of SOF technology and advancements while serving in this capacity. She has prepared and briefed position papers on SOF- unique technology for State Department and White House approvals. As a result of these outstanding achievements, Kristin received the coveted NDIA 2010 Special Operations Award..

Now a civil rights activist, she gives speeches and lectures at various events around the country. Kristin was a key voice in the Congressional Bill to end discrimination toward the LGBT community. She continues her "new mission" fighting for equality for all Americans.

She is "Lady Valor" and offers services in Consulting, full spectrum law enforcement training, motivational and informational speeches, innovation collaborations, art and other original works such as books, comic books, screenplays, painting/pottery/abstract multimedia pieces.





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